

## Distribution of funding:

Personnel—8%

Benefits—3%

Travel—8%

Equipment—16%

Supplies—25%

Contract law enforcement officers—31%

Training—9%

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Grant Program

Legal Name Requesting Entity: City of Chattanooga

Address: 101 East 11th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Description of Request: The Mayor and City Council of Chattanooga have requested funding to move and equip a law enforcement firing range. In 2003, President Bush signed legislation establishing the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District at the location where the current range has been used for police training for decades. The formation of the national park and the planned visitor center requires that the firing range be moved to another site. The Mayor and City of Chattanooga received \$500,000 to offset part of the expense associated with the relocation.

## Distribution of funding:

Facility renovation—30%

Equipment—50%

Technology—20%

## TRIBUTE TO HOWARD NICHOLS

## HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Howard Nichols, an Army veteran, a distinguished teacher, and the Headmaster at The Harker School in San Jose, California. Mr. Nichols passed away from esophageal cancer on December 31, 2008.

During his 32 years as Headmaster of The Harker School, Howard Nichols played a critical role in helping so many young people and his presence is greatly missed today. The following obituary was published in the San Jose Mercury News on January 1, 2009:

"To describe Howard Nichols as the heart and soul of Harker School barely captures the magnitude of the role that the retired headmaster played at the San Jose private school.

"Mr. Nichols also was the visionary, architect, recruiter and administrator who built Harker into a prestigious academic powerhouse. He got to know each child and family, helped teachers find housing and seldom saw a piece of litter on campus he didn't pick up. A product of Harker's predecessor, the Palo Alto Military Academy, Mr. Nichols was a passionate educator who, without a teaching credential, created the largest K-12 independent school in California.

"Mr. Nichols died Dec. 31 of esophageal cancer. He was 68.

"His door at Harker always was open to staff, parents and students and visitors—who, while stopping by to talk, often could help themselves to a chocolate chip cookie, perhaps still warm from the school kitchen, said his wife, Diana Nichols.

"Howard was one of the most compassionate people I've ever met," said John Near,

a Harker history teacher whom Mr. Nichols hired 30 years ago. Mr. Nichols considered Harker a family, and instilled that sense of caring in students, Near said.

"Mr. Nichols was born in Bremerton, Washington, and moved to the Oakland area as an infant. In second grade he moved to the Peninsula when his father, Major Donald Nichols, took over the Palo Alto Military Academy. The young Mr. Nichols was a boarder at the Parkinson Street campus, and went home to Los Altos on the weekends. His mother, Jean Fisher, ran a restaurant in Los Altos.

"Mr. Nichols attended Palo Alto High School and Stanford University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in economics. He served two years in the Army, then joined the staff at his father's school. But in the Vietnam era, the military and military schools were falling out of favor. The Palo Alto Military Academy merged with neighboring Miss Harker's School for Girls and moved to San Jose. Mr. Nichols became headmaster in 1973.

"In 1981, Mr. Nichols married Diana Olsen, then a principal at Harker.

"The school expanded to three campuses, one for each level, and eliminated its dormitories to accommodate the high school expansion. Today, it has about 1,750 students in grades K-12.

"Mr. Nichols' skill as a listener, understanding parents' needs, informed his vision for the school, Diana Nichols said. With more dual-worker families, Harker offered after-school programs in sports, art and music, then uncommon among private schools. 'The complaint that people have about private schools in general was that it wasn't a neighborhood school. This created the neighborhood,' Diana Nichols said.

"Mr. Nichols also believed that the heart of a good school lies in good teachers, and he recruited nationwide for Harker staff.

"'He really made everybody feel valued. He used to put his hand on your shoulder and say, 'We're lucky to have you,'" said Chris Nikoloff who took over from Mr. Nichols as head of school. The Nicholoses retired in 2005, but continued to consult for the school and serve on the board.

"Mr. Nichols also believed in having fun. He'd challenge students to a contest, such as raising funds for a charity, and if students won, teachers and administrators would pay off by, for example, jumping fully clothed into the school swimming pool. He also created a culture of respect and caring at school, staff recalled.

"'He was a generous and kind man,' said graduate Sehba Ali Zhumkhawala, founder and principal of KIPP Heartwood charter school in San Jose. 'Certainly he was one of the inspirational folks who made me want to go into education.'

"Mr. Nichols also was an athlete, who did 100 push-ups a day until he became too ill three months ago.

"'He was a really noble man,' Diana Nichols said. 'He's irreplaceable.'

Madam Speaker, I ask that the entire House of Representatives join me in extending our sympathy to The Harker School and the Nichols family. The work of Howard Nichols at The Harker School will never be forgotten and will continue on in the lives of the many students he inspired as a teacher and Headmaster.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to attend a vote. Had I been present, my vote would have been "yea" on final passage of H.R. 626, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
BOUND STUDENTS

## HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is a tremendous honor to salute our soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen of tomorrow—the service academy bound students of the Third District of the Texas. This district of Texas is home to some of the best and the brightest young people. I'm truly confident that they are ready to join the premier military force of the world. It is a privilege to send such fine young people on to our nation's prestigious service academies.

We lift these young leaders and their families up in prayer for their future service and sacrifices. I am so very proud of them. God bless them and God bless America. I salute them. The appointees and their schools follow.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE ACADEMY  
APPOINTMENTS

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Matthew Burnham (Plano West Senior High School), Darrell Dancy (USAF Prep School—From McKinney), Stephen Hunter (Allen High School), Zachary Matthews (Frisco High School), Christine Molina (Ursuline Academy of Dallas—From Dallas), Chad Moore (Home School—From Plano), and Spencer Wood (Frisco High School).

## UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Richard Hansen (Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas—From Richardson), Joshua Koeppe (Prince of Peace Christian School—From Plano), Joseph Ramos (Sachse High School), Jan Redmond (Plano East Senior High School), Zachary Ricketts (St. Benedict at Auburndale—From Parker), Jeff Yao (Plano Senior High School), and Jacek Zapendowski (St. Mark's School of Texas—From Richardson).

## UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Jonathan Espinoza (North Garland High School), Tyler LeCocq (Frisco Centennial High School), and Brian Nichols (Plano Senior High School).

## UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Jonathan Alston (Plano Senior High School), John Aselton (Plano Senior High School), Lauren Carpenter (Plano East Senior High School), Jacob Coffey (McKinney Boyd High School), Tyler Mapes (Newman Smith High School—From Plano), Christopher Martinez (Cistercian Preparatory School—From Plano), and Michael Schmeck (John Paul II High School—From Plano).